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**STATEMENT OF IRS COMMISSIONER CHARLES O. ROSSOTTI
ON THE E-FILE PARTNERSHIP'S PROPOSED AGREEMENT**

The IRS welcomes this important development. This proposal holds promise for giving millions of taxpayers free access to e-filing.

The plan represents another significant step in the government's e-filing effort, which is a major success of IRS modernization.

As 46 million filers discovered this year, e-filing is fast, accurate and dependable. Today's announcement should help many more citizens take advantage of e-filing.

In the months ahead, the IRS will continue working cooperatively with our private sector partners on behalf of the taxpayers.

